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or vacuum system. This permits the connecting end of the leg of the U-tube to extend further back in the mouth of the patient.

It will be appreciated that the tubes as specifically illustrated are for working on one side of the mouth. A tube for the opposite side of the mouth would be a mirror image of the above tube, having the vacuum connecting means and the tongue guard on opposite legs of the U-shaped tube. It will be appreciated that other forms of connecting means for connecting the tube to the mouth prop and for connecting the evacuating tube could be used. Such an arrangement could be such that the mouth prop could be connected on either leg of the U-shaped tube, and the tongue guard could also be connected on either leg. With such an arrangement, the vacuum connecting means would similarly be connected to the interior of the tube at a position away from the two legs to permit working without interference therefrom.

While the present invention has been illustrated and described by means of specific embodiments, it is to be understood that numerous changes and modifications may be made therein without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having described my invention, I now claim:

1. A combination of mouth prop and evacuation device comprising:
 - a substantially rigid U-shaped suction tube adapted for fitting in the mouth inside the lower jaw for

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removing fluids from the mouth, said tube having opposed legs and including a plurality of openings along the length thereof in the lower portion thereof;

- a mouth prop detachably secured to one leg of said suction tube for fitting between the teeth between the upper and lower jaw for holding the mouth open and for holding said suction tube in place wherein said tube lies in the mouth beneath the tongue said mouth prop includes releasable clamp means for clamping to said tube; connecting means on said tube for attachment of a vacuum line adjacent said mouth prop; and
 - a tongue guard secured to said suction tube and extending upward therefrom, for separating the tongue from some of the teeth on the lower jaw.
2. The device of claim 1, wherein said suction tube is closed at one end, and the other end is open and curved upward and toward the front for connection to a vacuum line.
 3. The device of claim 2, wherein both ends of said tube are closed and said connecting means extends upward from one leg and toward the front.
 4. The device of claim 1, wherein said tongue guard is attached to said tube on the leg opposite the mouth prop.
 5. The device of claim 1, wherein said mouth prop is substantially wedge shaped.

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